plant at Hazira in Gujarat. The plant was commissioned in August, 1995 at a capital cost of Rs. 5 lakhs which included a grant of Rs. 12.50 lakhs from the Government of India. The grant was routed through the Gujarat Government. The capacity of the bio-fertilizer plant is 100 MT/annum. The grades being produced currently are Rhizobium, Azo+obacter and P.S.M. culture.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Import of Fertilizers-

*79. SHRI CHAMAN BHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHAKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of imports of fertilizers and cost thereof in terra of dollar & rupee likely to be occurred in the current year; and

(b) whether it is a fact that farmers are complaining against higher prices of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP) are three major fertilizers which are presently imported. DAP and MOP are decanalised fertilizers and can be imported freely. Imports of urea are canalised. During current year, the quantum of import and cost thereof arc as under:

Commodity	Qty. in Lakh Tonnes	C&F (In Rs. (In crores)	
Urea (April'95 to Jan '96)	32.63	2435.61	754.7
MO±(ApjriT95 __ io Dec '95)	17.02	NA	NA
DAP(April '95 to Dec '95)	14.47	NA	NA "*

NA—Not Available.

(b) The maximum retail price of urea which is under statutory control is Rs. 3320"- PMT. Folowing de-control of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers with effect from 25.08.1992, the prices of DAP, MOP and other complexes are fixed in consultation with the State Govt, as has been laid down by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt, of India under the Ad-hoc Concession Scheme. The prices of these fertilizers vis-a-vis urea have increased sharply after decontrol and this has had some adverse effect on their consumption by the farmers.

Rural sanitation programme

*80. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned to different States under Rural Sanitation Programme during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement Rural Sanitation Programme effectively in every State?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA) (a) and (b) The year-wise details of the total amount sanctioned to different States under Rural Sanitation programme during Eighth Five Year Plan are as under:—